

Dream Wedding for Winners

About a year ago we took part in the Oxford Mail 'Win Your Wedding' Competition. After days of cutting out the coupons and starting a campaign to encourage family, friends and the community to vote for us we were overjoyed to find out that we were the winners.

The Run Up

We were very lucky that the date we wanted was available; Easter Saturday, exactly three years from when we became engaged. With the date booked we enjoyed the build-up of sending out the invitations (Love Wedding Print), choosing the dress and shopping for the bridesmaids (Blossoms), and our mothers (Posh Frocks), fittings for the suits (Keates), choosing the flowers (Riche De Fleurs), and table decorations (Stylish Centre Pieces), choosing the style for our wedding cake (Cake Sweet Cake) and a trial for the hair and makeup (Hair and Makeup by Sonia). We enjoyed a pre-wedding shoot with the photographer (Rob Wheal Photography) at Minster Lovell ruins, and food tasting for the menu at Eynsham Hall. (Special thanks to Rachel Keenan our wedding planner for the event).

The Big Day

Laura had an early start with the bridesmaids having their hair and makeup done. I got ready at home and ran a comb through my hair! The ceremony was due



to start at 1.30pm. The sun came out and guests started gathering in the main hall until we were summoned through by our Master of Ceremonies. We all took our seats and the music began. Laura walked in on her Dad's arm looking beautiful (I scrubbed up okay as well) and the bridesmaids and pageboys all looked fantastic.

The Ceremony

The ceremony, short and sweet, brought tears and smiles to the whole room. This, followed by photographs being taken, made us feel a bit like film stars. Then came the reception with speeches which brought tears of laughter. The staff and facilities at Eynsham Hall were magnificent and nothing was too much trouble. 80 guests joined us for the day and another 40 friends came along in the evening to dance the night away with us. Our wedding was themed around the film Dirty Dancing and music from this was used for our first and last dance of the day.

Special thanks must go to all the companies who donated the prizes which made Saturday 19th April one of the happiest days of our lives. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote for us, and all our friends and family who joined us and shared our day.

Matt Hemming